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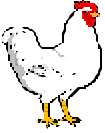
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices for next week were trending lower in the East with a barely steady to weak market tone. Elsewhere, trade sentiment was mostly steady at unchanged prices. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food, and fairs/festivals in the Midwest. Offerings were mixed, but at least adequate for a light to limited call; floor stocks were mostly balanced to at times long. In the parts structure, trading was light to active. Wings were tight and moving well. Dark meat was close balanced to short, but more available for drums which were clearing slowly. Tenders were balanced to well cleared, but all other breast items were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to light.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 29-AUG-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	51.00-76.50	66.34	29
New York	66.00-69.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-76.00	56.00-80.00	74.05	88

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
949	70.78-76.42	74.64

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00	1,251
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	6,303
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,298
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.00	1,034
LEG QUARTERS	46.50	7,744
WINGS	85.50	3,144

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings were spotty on light trade call. Movement into retail and food service outlets was slow to moderate. Fast food, fairs and festivals provided best activity. Floor stocks were adequate, occasionally long. Weights were desirable to light. In parts trade, interest remained strong on dark meat, wings received moderate call with interest on balance of items limited on a cautious trade feeling. Supplies of dark meat were tight to short of needs, wings and tenders were adequate to in close balance, with remaining parts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat and wings, and about steady on balance of parts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best into fast food for promotions and for active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, best where weekend needs may have increased. Wings were tight and continued to move strong. Dark meat was no more than adequate to short, and breast items were readily available, closest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was about steady with the preliminary majority prices at mainly unchanged prices. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at unchanged to slightly lower prices. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Buying interest was fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings and overall steady for balance of parts.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly under normal weekend needs but still noted as light to fair at best. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared. Drums were available and slow to clear.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly for weekend needs, but remained generally light to fair and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 67 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, drums were slow to clear. Other leg cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings and tenders were tight. Bone-in and Boneless/skinless breasts were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	57-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
07/25/05-07/29/05	(A)
07/26/04-07/30/04	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
07/25/05-07/29/05	(A)
07/26/04-07/30/04	(A)
(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations	

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	WTD	WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		
BREAST - B/S	651	125.00-205.00	127-132	136.27	691	120.00-202.00	127-132	130.07	3,150	131.65	
TENDERLOINS	250	128.00-200.00	130-135	142.08	258	125.00-195.00	129-135	133.68	1,321	133.67	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				484	86.51	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				255	60.12	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				254	59.65	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	43.00-46.00	43-45	44.57	589	43.00-46.00	44-45	44.57	3,025	44.57	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	44.00-48.00	45-47	46.13	1,245	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.31	4,589	46.30	
WINGS (WHOLE)	292	81.00-89.00	86-88	86.01	282	81.00-89.00	84-87	85.52	1,414	83.09	
WINGS (CUT)	330	98.00-102.00	99-100	99.38	465	95.00-104.00	97-101	99.22	1,839	98.07	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				68	58.00-71.00	-	59.53	341	54.98	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				202	52.53	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				80	109.00-122.00	-	114.00	390	110.71	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR AUG 25, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR AUG 26, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

52.50 - 56.00

54.40

50.00 - 54.50

52.07

52.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but still noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared; drums were available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs. Breast items were steady at best. Drumsticks were barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

AUG 25

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**								
BREAST - B/S	135-140	130.72	669,560		135-140	134.63	679,200	132.34	3,054,860					
TENDERLOINS	130-135	130.24	179,640		130-135	130.31	211,600	130.38	834,992					
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	87.80	70,880		79-80	88.30	78,360	88.20	361,240					
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.61	91,800		79	79.80	90,000	79.29	475,880					
LEGS	61-62	60.45	205,300		61-62	61.18	171,200	60.72	948,380					
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.96	302,133		45-46	45.52	318,080	45.93	1,583,831					
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	62.78	72,920		53-54	58.15	137,560	59.20	542,010					
THIGHS	52-53	55.67	95,480		53-54	62.80	36,000	58.04	313,840					
B/S THIGHS	117-118	110.69	112,480		119-120	116.29	103,560	111.40	484,240					
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	82.70	274,940		87-88	84.12	194,442	82.63	1,123,032					
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	20,240		10-12	11.94	13,040	11.83	94,120					
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	37.27	12,760		40-45	36.60	13,120	39.33	59,360					
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.82	14,480		60-65	65.18	9,480	64.94	66,240					

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED		
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		
	08/26	08/25	08/24	08/23	08/24	08/23	08/19	08/17				<b>RANGE</b>	
Alabama	4,848	4,092	3,971	3,919	5.17	5.16	4,079	5.18			FRESH FRYERS	97-99	
Arkansas	5,573	5,514	5,350	5,307	5.10	5.13	5,260	5.14			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107	
Delmarva	2,517	2,266	2,274	2,300	5.52	5.59	2,195	5.43			HENS UNDER 5#		
KY-LA-TN	2,102	2,312	2,281	2,289	4.92	4.35	2,122	4.93			HENS OVER 5#	65-73	
Mississippi	3,439	3,114	2,953	3,002	5.41	5.59	3,318	5.54			DUCKS		
North Carolina	3,171	2,511	2,435	2,391	6.43	6.27	3,077	6.32			RABBITS-WHOLE		
Texas	2,549	2,514	2,581	2,571	5.18	5.22	2,547	5.27			RABBITS-CUT UP		
Total	24,199	22,323	21,845	21,779	5.34	5.30	22,598	5.36					
Mon-Fri	112,942(A)						110,053(A)				<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Aug-05 and 27-Aug-05 is estimated to be 36,204,000 head up 6.76 percent from a week ago and down -4.59 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 33,911,000, last year 37,946,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Aug-05 is estimated to be 167,798,000 head down 0.53 percent from a week ago, and up 1.90 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 168,700,000, last year 164,670,000)

<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
<b><u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u></b>		
		<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 13-Aug-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	31,352	20,086	50,663
Avg Weight	3.60	4.79	6.33
% of total /1	31%	20%	50%

#### Comparisons

Last week	28,338	24,821	50,352
Avg Weight	3.79	4.73	6.39
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	27,230	22,088	45,096
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.27
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%

To date/2005	888,647	719,309	1,558,851
To date/2004	847,506	700,244	1,439,000

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 20-Aug-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014	489
Avg Wt	5.23	3.39	8.03	6.03	6.38
Last week	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907	484
Same wk yr ago	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955	506
Avg Wt	5.18	3.20	8.41	5.49	6.73
To-date/2005	5,316,814	49,600	47,076	96,676	16,347
To-date/2004	5,146,848	44,931	43,552	88,483	15,397

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.8 million head, or 3.0 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	16	170.5	102%	5.27
	23	172.1	103%	5.15
	30	170.9	102%	5.19
August	6	171.9	103%	5.28
	13	170.7	102%	5.18
	20	169.8	102%	5.23
Year to date	5381.3	5439.4	99%	
August	27	165.7		
September	3	163.7		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/27/05	08/20/05	% CHG	08/28/04	% CHG
Broilers	167,798	168,700*	-0.53	164,670*	+1.90
Cattle	661	661	0	625*	+06
Hogs	1,978	1,991	-01	1,987*	0

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	130-134	131-136
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61.00-74.50	70.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.50	71.00-76.50

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15. NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-AUG-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 08-23-05**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.35
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.35
Pekin Ducks	.80 - 1.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.55 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.57 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .95
Guinea Fowl	1.75 - 1.80ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .40ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.35 - .40
Pigeons	2.25 - 2.75ea.
White Pigeons	5.25 - 6.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - .90
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.00ea.
Goats	25.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 528

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair to moderate at best with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs were higher. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-10.5	8-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUGUST-05

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was irregular, but generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow, but clearing according to set processing schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25	11.75-13.75	13.00

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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